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CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

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Deadline For Application: 2 August 2017

**ROSTER: INVESTMENT OPERATIONS EXPERTS**

**TYPE OF CONTRACT:** International Consultant

**JOB TITLE:** Various – see list below

**DUTY STATION:** Various locations

**ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:** INVESTMENT CENTRE DIVISION, TCI

**DURATION:** Assignments from two to six weeks, on a when-actually-employed basis; and assignments for 11 months when applicable

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**Qualified female applicants and qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged to apply.**

**Persons with disabilities are equally encouraged to apply.**

**All applications will be treated with the strictest confidence.**

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### Organizational Setting

The Investment Centre Division (TCI) promotes investment in food security, nutrition, agriculture and rural development (FSNARD), sustainable natural resource management (NRM) and climate change mitigation and/or adaptation (CCM/A) in developing countries and countries in transition, assisting governments and country stakeholders, main development partners, in particular international financing institutions with the strategic planning and implementation of their investments to achieve growth, poverty alleviation, food security and nutrition goals.

TCI is a multidisciplinary division composed of three regionally focused services, namely Africa Service, Asia and the Pacific Service, and Europe, Central Asia, Near East, North Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean Service, as well as FAO's coordination unit for the Global Environment Facility (GEF).

### FAO International Consultants and Call purpose

The purpose of this call is to provide FAO's Investment Centre Division (TCI) with a list of qualified candidates for a number of profiles with different specializations as indicated below. The contract may be home based with required travel for field missions.

Requested Profiles (or Job Titles):

- **Economist – Agricultural Economist**
- **Agricultural specialist**
- **Natural Resources and Environmental Management Expert**
- **Irrigation and Rural Infrastructure Engineer**
- **Rural Sociologist**
- **Forestry Expert**
- **Credit and Rural Finance Expert**
- **Rural Institutions Expert**
- **Agribusiness and Value Chain Expert**
- **Climate Change Expert**

### Reporting Lines

The Investment Operations Expert will work under the overall technical supervision of the Service Chief and the direct supervision of a TCI Officer, in close collaboration with the FAO Representation in the relevant country of assignment.

### Technical Focus

Provision of technical advice or expertise and capacity development for (i) the design of investment operations, in collaboration with country stakeholders and cooperating partners, to mobilize resources for FSNARD, NRM, and CCM/A; and (ii) implementation support and evaluation of investment operations, in accordance with the FAO Strategic Framework.

### Specific functions

- Leads, or participates in, multidisciplinary teams to assist governments in the identification and preparation of investment operations in the fields of FSNARD, NRM and CCM/A, and participate in pre-appraisal and appraisal missions.
- Leads, or participates in, multidisciplinary teams for the implementation support and the preparation of final evaluation of investment operations.
- Advises governments, or provides technical expertise, in the preparation of FSNARD, NRM and CCM/A studies and strategies, and in the formulation of national sector and/or sub-sector investment plans and programmes.
- Advises on developing, or supports the development, of inclusive and sustainable food systems, involving producers, their organizations, other private sector actors, civil society organizations and government.
- Leads the formulation, or formulates, and delivers capacity development strategies and activities in the areas of FSNARD, NRM and CCM/A investment support to government staff, and non-state actors and private sector organizations.

- Prepares reports in accordance with government and financing partners' requirements.
- Promotes international cooperation and collaboration leading to new investment opportunities and cooperative agreements, advocates best practices and effective policy dialogue and provides technical expertise at international meetings.
- Perform other related duties as required.

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## CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

### Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in economics, agricultural economics, agricultural sciences, environmental sciences, agribusiness management, natural resource management, irrigation and drainage engineering, rural infrastructure engineering, social sciences or a related field as appropriate for the specific profile
- Seven to ten years of relevant experience in conducting agricultural/rural sector/subsector analytical studies, and/or in planning, design, supervision of agricultural and rural investment operations, including elaboration of feasibility studies and implementation of agricultural and rural investment operations in developing countries and/or countries in transition
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese, Russian.

### FAO Core Competencies

- Results Focus
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Building Effective Relationships
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement

### Technical/Functional Skills

- Extent and relevance of experience in leading, or participating in, multidisciplinary teams for the preparation of strategies and sector studies as well as formulation, implementation support or evaluation of FSNARD, NRM and CCM/A investment operations
- Extent and relevance of experience in FSNARD, NRM, and/or CCM/A analytical studies and programme evaluation
- Extent and relevance of experience in investment design, implementation support and evaluation procedures of FAO's main development partners, in particular the World Bank, the International Funds for Agriculture and Development (IFAD), the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and the GEF
- Extent and relevance of experience in capacity development for the design and implementation of FSNARD, NRM and/or CCM/A investments
- Demonstrated experience in dealing with government officials, development partners and other country level stakeholders;
- Relevance of experience in different geographical areas;
- Advanced technical writing skills in official UN languages;
- Ability to work under pressure and willingness to travel frequently to developing or transition countries

### Terms and Conditions

- Language certificates should be submitted as attachments as proof of the level of knowledge of languages indicated in the online applications.
- Only language proficiency certificates from UN accredited external providers and/or FAO language official examinations (LPE, ILE, LRT) will be accepted.
- Applicants unable to provide the above mentioned certificates will be tested through online assessments.

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Please note that all candidates should adhere to *FAO Values of Commitment to FAO, Respect for All and Integrity and Transparency*.

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### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- All applications will be reviewed and qualified applicants will be contacted for interviews. If selected, candidates will be notified of their inclusion on the Investment Operations Experts Roster.
  - FAO seeks gender, geographical and linguistic diversity in its staff and international consultants in order to best serve FAO Members in all regions.
  - FAO does not charge a fee at any stage of the recruitment process (application, interview meeting, processing).
  - Incomplete applications will not be considered. If you need help, or have queries, please contact: [iRecruitment@fao.org](mailto:iRecruitment@fao.org)
  - Applications received after the closing date will not be accepted.
  - For other issues, visit the FAO employment website: <http://www.fao.org/employment/home/en/>
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## HOW TO APPLY

To apply, visit the iRecruitment website at <http://www.fao.org/employment/iemployment-access/en/> and complete your online profile. Only applications received through iRecruitment will be considered.

Candidates are requested to attach a letter of motivation to the online profile.

Vacancies will be removed from iRecruitment at 23:59 Central European Time (CET) on the deadline for applications date. We encourage applicants to submit the application well before the deadline date.

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